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Refer to:1358070001-Montgomery County Eagle Zinc-Hillsboro, Illinois Superfund/Technical Reports

Dear Ms. DiCosmo:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has reviewed your letter dated April 23, 2012 regarding the classification of groundwater at the Eagle Zinc site. For the purposes of finalizing the Proposed Plan and the Record of Decision, the Illinois EPA concurs that the groundwater classification is Class II and that additional groundwater information will be collected to fully support and document this classification. However, a better way forward may be to do a site-specific background for manganese since it is elevated throughout the state. This approach could eliminate the question of the proper groundwater classification.

The Illinois EPA looks forward to working with you in this effort. Please advise if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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